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SPECIAL POINTS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH ARMY

FOR ITS OFFICERS : Grant, O God, to the Officers of the Church Army

the Faith which sees the Cross and knows that all men may be redeemed;

the Hope which sees the empty tomb and knows that good must triumph over evil;

the Love which sees Jesus and knows that in Him alone the hearts of men can be fully

satisfied; For His Name's sake. Amen.

FOR THE SUPPLY OF ITS NEEDS : O God our Heavenly Father, who has enabled the Church Army to make your love known through the preaching of the Gospel and through social service, grant that many may hear your call to serve in its ranks and to support it by their prayers and by their gifts, and help us all to be faithful witnesses for you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Looking to the future

Your legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service. For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will. "I give to the Church Army in Australia :

and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgages, debt or other property intended to be given.

GIVE THANKS : for the life of the Rev. Captain John Cowland — for his strong leadership in the establishment of the Society in Australia, for his own personal faith, and for his enthusiastic witness of his faith.

for 40 years' work by Church Army Officers in Australia. Thank God for the people who have been won for Christ through this ministry of evangelism. for those in the Church in Australia who have supported the work of the Church Army, by prayer and by giving, and enabled the work to continue and to reach out into new fields.

40th BIRTHDAY : Pray for special activities being held to celebrate the 40th Birthday of the Church Army in Australia, especially the Service in New-castle on 4th August.

CANDIDATES : Requests for officers continue to come from many parts of Australia. Let us pray with confidence for those young men and women whom God is calling to serve Him within the ranks of the Church Army. Pray, too, for those who have opportunities to challenge young people with the vocation of "evangelist."

PARISH MISSION : Gayndah, Qld., 3rd to 10th November. Pray for Captain Gwilt, the Chief Missioner, those who will assist him, the Rector of the Parish, his congregation, and the people who will be contacted during the Mission.

DEPUTATIONS : Pray for Captain Gwilt and other officers, who preach at church services, speak at children's, youth and adult group meetings, house-parties, etc. Pray that they may witness faithfully to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and, as people hear about the work of the Church Army, more may be led to support the work and to offer for service.

A Message From Our President

THE MOST REVEREND FRANK WOODS

Congratulations from the Church of England in Australia to The Church Army on its 40th Australian Anniversary.

If you read the pages of this anniversary copy of "The Pioneer" you will see what a tremendous contribution The Church Army has made to Church life in Australia during the last 40 years. The keynote of The Church Army's ministrations has been evangelism, a subject much in our thoughts at this time and one which the men and women of The Church Army have constantly kept before us.

You will also read of the Birthday Appeal. I hope there will be a generous response to it. Its ultimate object is the training of men and women for the lay ministry. The demand is very great and the cost goes up and up. "As my Father has sent me even so send I you." We thank God that men and women are still hearing the call to be sent to minister in the Church through The Church Army.

Special Thanksgiving Appeal for our 40th Birthday

Much of the contents of this magazine looks back to the past with thanksgiving to God and appreciation for those who, over the years, He led to contribute to our Society's work of evangelism by service or by prayer and financial support.

With thankful remembrance for our Founder, the late Rev. Captain John S. Cowland, and all who have served the Society since those early years, we invite you to share further with us in God's plans for the future development of our work.

As this is our 40th Birthday you may like to make a special gift to our General Fund, out of which we have to maintain the training college work and various evangelistic activities for which the Society is either fully or partly responsible.

Some of our supporters may also like to send an additional gift for our Training College Building Fund which is for the maintenance, improvement and future development of the College buildings. Gifts to this Fund are tax deductible.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Several matters were unfortunately omitted from the last issue of The Pioneer under this heading, so, for your interest and information, they are included here.

STAFF SISTER :

At the beginning of this year, Sister Pat Free joined the Staff at Federal Office, as Staff Sister. Pat was

commissioned as a Church Army Officer seven years ago. Her first appointment was to the Parish of

Parkes, in the Diocese of Bathurst, for two years. From there she went to the Sydney Parish of

Hunter's Hill for a further three years, and her last two years have been spent in the Parish of St.

Thomas', Toowoong, in Brisbane. There she was involved in various parish activities, served on

some Diocesan committees, and took part in inter-church ventures, as well.

In her new position, Pat will be responsible

for the Sisters in the field, and will be involved in as much deputation work as possible, especially to

women and young people.

A NEW OFFICER :

It is always a joy to welcome a new officer

to the Society, and on Sunday, 20th January, 1974, Sister Josie Leslie was admitted to the Office of the

Evangelist and commissioned as an Officer of the Church Army. In February, Josie began working in

the Parish of Glen Innes, N.S.W., where several youth groups play a large part in her activities.

CHURCH ARMY ANNUAL FETE :

The Sydney Women's Auxiliary wish to thank all those who supported their

Annual Fete on 27th April, by sending donations or goods, attending, or working on stalls. After expenses, the total for the day was \$583.00.

NEW APPOINTMENTS :

As usual, the New Year brought about

some changes in work situations for some officers. They are :— Captain Ken Donaldson, from full-time

in the Parish of Kalamunda, W.A. to part-time in that Parish and part-time Chaplain on the

Staff of the Diocesan Department of Christian Education in Perth; Captain and Mrs. David Hinch-

liffe, to Dapto, N.S.W.; Captain and Mrs. Ron King, from Erskineville to Randwick, N.S.W.; Captain Stan

Lister, from Denham Court/Rossmore to Cobarr, N.S.W.; Captain Warren Darnley, from St. George's

Homes, Rockhampton, to the Parish of Gladstone, Qld.; Captain and Mrs. Les Fernance, from Whalan

and Blackett to Emuville, N.S.W.

ABORIGINAL PRIEST : The Rev. Captain Nor-

man Polgen was

made a Deacon in 1969 while serving in the Diocese of Perth. He is now serving in the Rock-

hampton Diocese on the staff of the St. George's Homes for boys. Captain Polgen will be ordained

Priest by the Bishop of Rockhampton on Thursday, 11th July. We would ask for your prayers for

Norman on that day and for his future ministry as he continues his work at the Homes and also assists

in a local parish and in visitation at the gaol.

INTEREST-FREE LOANS :

There has been

further response to our appeal for interest-free loans. To date, the loans total \$3,350 (amounts varying from \$100 to

\$2,000), for periods from 1 year to an indefinite period.



AUSTRALIA

..The great second volume of this man's recorded history was in Australia. Most of us in this Cathedral

bless our souls. He was in the first Church Army team which visited Australia for Commonwealth missions. The team arrived in Perth on Ascension Day, 1931. For the next three years, he and the other members of the team worked through Australia, in cities and far-flung outback places. At the end of 1933 the team returned to England.

He was invited in 1934 to return to Australia to establish Church Army work . . . Captain Cowland was received and welcomed by Archbishop Mowll and other bishops in Sydney and made to feel welcome. He set up headquarters in Newcastle and received the assistance of eight captains and two sisters from England. The early years of the Society were spent in straight out evangelism by the use of caravans, seaside missions and working in the gold diggings and where great public works were being carried out in country areas. There was to follow a continuous organisation of boys' camps, the caring for children in homes and appointments in parishes. In 1941, at the instigation of Archbishop Le Fanu, Primate of the Church, and with the encouragement of Bishop de Witt Baty, John Cowland was made a deacon. He was priested in the following year. His greatest moment of achievement was when he received his seventh star for active service in the Church Army. On retirement from the work he became a chaplain at the Repatriation Hospital from 1951-57. In 1964 he had the M.B.E. conferred upon him for his outstanding work.

To serve humanity is a noble thing but to know Christ is to have gained the best. In the midst of life we are in death. We must all one day lay aside this mortality. God grant us all to say with like sincerity 'I am crucified with Christ'. For it was in this faith our friend John Samuel Cowland died. We thank God for his memory and praise God for His fatherly mercy."

CHURCH ARMY 40th BIRTHDAY

The buses will leave for Newcastle at approximately 1.00 p.m. and will arrive back in Sydney at about 9.30 p.m. You may bring your own meal to eat on the way home, or buy some tea, as the bus will make a stop for this purpose.



OTHER BIRTHDAY ACTIVITIES—will be special preachments in Sydney on the 21st July, Melbourne on the 11th August, and Brisbane on the 1st September. In Melbourne the Federal Secretary will be the preacher at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral and in Brisbane there will be a Tea and Rally at Webber House at 5 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. service at St. John's Cathedral.

SUNDAY, 4th AUGUST, 1974
Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle
Special Service of Thanksgiving for
40 years of Evangelism in Australia
PREACHER : The Ven. N. J. Chynoweth,
Archdeacon of Canberra (Church
Army Board Member)

TRANSFERT TO NEWCASTLE : Those interested in travelling by bus from Sydney for this special occasion, can contact any of the following people, depending on which area of Sydney you live in :—
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Captain Rex Harris, 607 6173—Green Valley
Mr. R. Mannell, 451 1578—French's Forest
or contact The Church Army Federal Office, 451 8395.

Captain C. Fisk (Commissioned 1937, retired 1967):

I feel that anything I may say would be incomplete without mention of that outstanding personality, the late John S. Cowland. My first meeting with our Australian Founder was in the days of the visiting Crusaders (1931-33).

It so happened that I was staying at a Church Hostel for men at Richmond, Melbourne, where Captain Cowland was a guest for the weekend. He was special preacher at the parish church on the Sunday. I remember how this unorthodox preacher started the congregation on that Sunday morning by bursting into song, in the middle of his sermon with that glorious tenor voice he was fortunate to possess. "I've found a friend, Oh such a friend, He loved me e'er I knew him. He drew me with the cords of love, and thus He bound me to Him." I had no idea then that, within a few years, I too would become a Church Army officer. It was when I got to know him better that I came to realise his great qualities of leadership, his God-given sense of humour and his capacity for making friends and using them to further the cause he sponsored so ably.

In the early days of our Australian Society there was little money available for training purposes. Consequently candidates received their preliminary training in the field before being brought into our first College at Adamstown for final training, which consisted of only a few months of intensive study and general training for the work of evangelism.

On joining the society in May, 1936, I was sent to Tasmania to assist the officer of our first Tasmanian Mission van. That Diocese had provided this vehicle for itinerant evangelism throughout the island.

I regard those days of missionary adventure as some of the most exciting and enjoyable in my C.A. career. My duties were to assist in any way

possible and at the same time learn as much as I could from my experienced colleague. Almost every evening a Mission Service was conducted, in a church where possible, otherwise in any suitable building. The "old, old story" was told by means of lantern slides thrown onto a large sheet, with a commentary.

Leaving Tasmania after four months, I spent a short time in the parish of Hornsby, before paying my first visit to Newcastle in November, 1936, to become one of the second batch of College students.

My first appointment was to the parish of Camden, south of Sydney. In the course of visiting homes by means of a bicycle, I found numerous opportunities for Christian witness. One of my joys was a weekly visit to country schools.

After three happy years in this beautiful district, I was transferred to a large industrial parish in Melbourne; quite a contrast to my previous environment.

One of the outstanding events of my Church Army career was the first All-Australian Conference of 1938, held in the Parish Hall at Adamstown. From all over Australia we came, many of us meeting each other for the first time. What stories we had to relate of our varied experiences!

As I look back, I think of those tragic days of War-time which created many problems for our Society, particularly in regard to obtaining man-power to carry on our work. The War, however, did present us with opportunities, and Recreation Huts and Tents were set up at various camps where there were troops.

In 1945 I was appointed manager of the Society's Bookshop, attached to Headquarters at Tyrrell House at that time. Business experience before I joined the Church Army helped me in the engrossing task of buying and selling Christian

only do so through the prayers and help of its many friends. We thank God for His blessings in the past and we pray for His guidance in the future.

The Rev. G. Coad (first training group 1934-1936):

It was in November 1934 that a very raw Church Army recruit—the second to join the new Australian Church Army—landed from Hobart on the platform of Newcastle Station to be met by Captain ("Skipper") John Cowland. With his bags he was taken in an ancient 'A' Model Ford to the old Church at All Saints', New Lambton, where a Church Army Mission was in progress. The new recruit was marched up the aisle, suit-case in each hand, told to put them down and tell the congregation where he was from and why he was there.

The first Australian van was the Wilson Carlie, stationed in Tasmania. At the dedication of this van by Bishop Hay, the strong call came to the second Church Army recruit to offer himself for the work. The second van, a converted draper's van—horse drawn—was to be "home" for several months of "van missions" with Acting Captain Stan Pearsall, the first recruit and the first Australian commissioned officer.

The first mainland parishes to receive van missions were New Lambton, Boolaroo, Dudley, Redhead, Belmont, Swansea, Wyong and The Entrance, all in the Diocese of Newcastle which was "home" to all Church Army Officers until 1960.

The first "Beach Missions" were conducted at The Entrance, 1934/1935. The holiday makers, all in festive mood, lived in a tent city all around which we marched, singing carols and giving witness to our faith in God's Incarnate Son.

From a van to parish work for 12 months—thence to college, the old St. Stephen's House, on the corner diagonally across from St. Stephen's Church, Adamstown, Newcastle. A lovely chapel, the gift of South Australian friends, was built, and

dedicated by Archbishop Mowll in 1935, and became the spiritual power-house of the new college and its first trainees.

In the early days of Church Army, the "Van" department of the new Society developed rapidly. Itinerant evangelists were allotted to vans in Tasmania, Victoria, Newcastle, Brisbane and South Australia. They not only advertised the Society and won recruits and financial help, but showed the Australian Church that dedicated and trained lay men and women had a message to give; they gave it with all their might. The South Australian van made a memorable journey from Adelaide to Williochra, round Eyre's Peninsula to Port Lincoln, up the "Bight" to Streaky Bay and Ceduna, and out to Fowler's Bay, a small bay settlement on the edge of the Nullabor Plain. The return journey was made across the top of the Peninsula through

Adelaide. Fortunately, the cadet was also a wizard mechanic, and kept the old converted ambulance ticking over sweetly on all six cylinders.

This van then travelled from Adelaide to Newcastle for the first all-Australian Church Army Conference in 1938, picking up other officers en route. Thirty-eight personnel gathered for the first of the many conferences together, and it looked as though the infant society was destined for rapid growth. A feature of the first Conference was a procession of witness of officers, caravans and friends of the Society, through Newcastle's main streets.

In 1939 the war intervened. Many of the first officers joined up. After the war, most sought Holy Orders and have continued their service to their Lord and His Church. Since the foundation of the Society, 100 or more young men have found their way into the ordained priesthood, thus making a mighty contribution to the Australian Church.

However, all of these look back to their recruitment into a lay ministry as the beginning of their great adventure in the Faith.